



Los Angeles County Commission on Local Governmental Services

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MINUTES

February 3, 2009
500 West Temple Street
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Sybil Brand Conference Room 372
Los Angeles, California 90012

Chairperson Kelley called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Chairperson Kelley welcomed and introduced newly appointed Commissioner Jimmy Gomez to the Commission. Commissioner Gomez is representing the Third Supervisorial District.

Vice Chairperson Reddock welcomed and introduced Alan Huynh, Transportation for Hire Task Force Intern who is currently attending USC. Alan will be assisting the Commission through May 2009.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations for Chairperson were opened. Commissioner Leiga nominated Commissioner Kelley for reelection of Chairperson. There being no other nominations from the floor; nominations were closed.

On motion of Commissioner Leiga, seconded by Commissioner Ponder, the Commission unanimously approved the reelection of Chairperson Kelley.

Nominations for Vice Chairperson were opened. Commissioner Reddock nominated Commissioner Wilhelm for Vice Chairperson. There being no other nominations from the floor; nominations were closed.

On motion of Commissioner Reddock, seconded by Commissioner Leiga, the Commission unanimously approved the election of Commissioner Wilhelm as Vice Chairperson.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 6, 2009

On Motion of Commissioner Leiga, seconded by Commissioner Wilhelm, the January 6, 2009 minutes were approved as presented.

COMMISSION VACANCIES

The following vacancies were reported:

- First Supervisorial District – Chairperson Kelley stated that the selection process is continuing.
- Fourth Supervisorial District – Chairperson Kelley reported that Commissioner Patricia Gray is working with the First District to appoint a candidate to the Commission.
- Mayor, City of Los Angeles – Chairperson Kelley reported that Commissioner Burman will follow up on the appointment.
- President, Los Angeles City Council – Chairperson Kelley reported that a selection has been made and appointment process is moving forward.

GUEST SPEAKER, COBY SKYE, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Mr. Coby Skye, Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, gave a brief overview on the Conversion Technology of Solid Waste. Mr. Skye stated the following:

- The Department of Public Works is responsible for managing solid waste in Los Angeles County. In 2007 over 11 million tons of waste was processed. That year 17% was exported to out-of county landfills.
- There are seven operating landfills within Los Angeles County. The Puente Hills Landfill is the largest operating landfill in the Country and is scheduled to close in 2013. Currently, Puente Hills accepts one-third of the County's total waste stream, and processes nearly one-half of all of County green waste. ;
- The Department is responsible for developing a plan for long term disposal in compliance with State law requirements. There are significant challenges in developing the solid waste management Infrastructure needed by the County. Both the County and Cities within Los Angeles County have agreed to no future development of additional landfills. Therefore, we have to rely in other infrastructure to manage the waste.

- Conversion technologies offer an array of emerging processes capable of converting post-recycling residual solid waste into useful products. Such as green fuels like ethanol and biodiesel. These clean renewable energy conversion technologies are successfully being used to manage solid waste throughout Europe and Japan. However, in the U.S. these technologies are still in the commercial development stage.
- Conversion Technologies can revolutionize how we manage our waste, stretching landfill capacity, reducing green house gas emissions, generating valuable products, renewable electricity and green fuels, and leading to a less polluted, more sustainable world.
- Department of Public Works has an on-going outreach effort to provide presentations to solid waste associations, industry groups, environmental organizations, other key stakeholders and continuing efforts to revise State legislation.
- Commissioner Leiga asked for ways the Commission can be of assistance. Mr. Skye suggested reaching out to Cities to develop future regional facilities. He further stated that the following cities have already adopted resolution of support: Calabasas, Glendale, Lancaster and Long Beach.
- Mr. Skye concluded by providing the following website for information on the County's Evaluation Report: www.SoCalConversion.org.

Chairperson Kelley thanked Mr. Coby Skye for his informative presentation and requested to meet with the Commission at a future date.

COMMISSION PROJECT STATUS

911 Wireless Update:

Item continued to the next meeting.

Real Estate Update:

Vice Chairperson Wilhelm reported the following:

- He has been in contact with Mr. John Edmisten, Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Administration, regarding the GIS Real Estate Asset Management Project. Mr. Edmisten stated that the City of Los Angeles was attempting to import a technology that would be similar to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).

- The County was attempting to create the same MLS technology and concluded that it was not feasible due to the technology compatibility. However, a division has been created under the CEO to address policy issues, maps holdings and vacancy. Vice Chairperson Wilhelm further stated that he will contact Mr. Edmisten to schedule a meeting to discuss the project in further detail.

Taxi Cab Task Force Report:

Task Force Chair Reddock reported the following:

- Alan Huynh will be assisting the Task Force with researching the issue of background checks for taxi cab drivers. Mr. Huynh will be assisting the Commission through May 2009.
- In May of 2009 preliminary recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for possible improvements to the transportation for hire system will be presented.
- Alisa Katz, Supervisor Yaroslavsky's Chief of Staff, has been informed on the status of the transportation for hire.
- The Transportation for Hire Task Force is scheduled to reconvene in April 2009.

Chair Reddock suggested inviting Mr. William Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, to a future Commission meeting.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR A FUTURE MEETING)

Vice Chairperson Wilhelm stated that he will e-mail Commissioners information regarding green buildings for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Arnold Sachs addressed the Commission on Agenda Items 10, Taxi Cab Task Force Report and Agenda Item 12, Public Comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tyler K. Kelley
Algird Leiga
Angela Reddock
Alexander Ponder
Mark Burman
Thomas Wilhelm
David Spence
Barry Waite
Barbara Calhoun
Jimmy Gomez

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gordon Gray
Patricia Gray
Shana Epstein
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GUEST(S)

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